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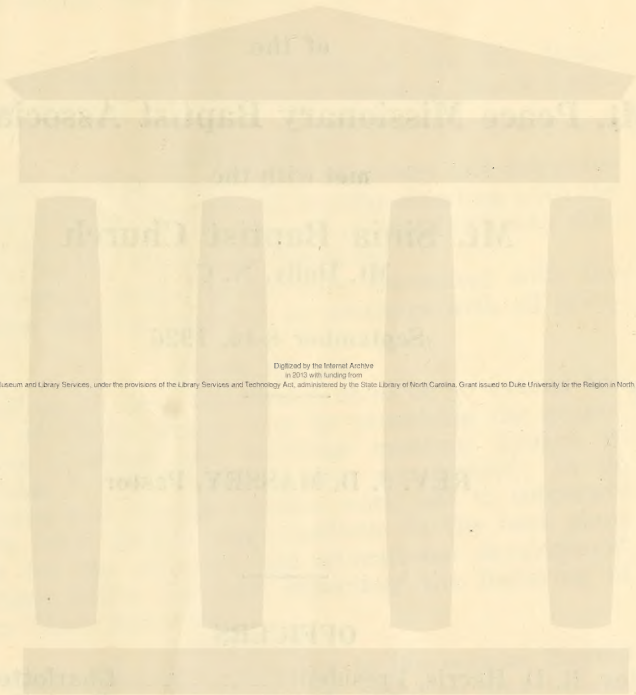

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CONSTITUTION

We, the Missionary Baptist Church of Western North Carolina, having been regularly baptized on a profession of faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to promote the cause of Christ among men do agree to the following constitution:

ARTICLE I

This organization shall be known as the Mt. Peace Missionary Baptist Association of Western North Carolina.

ARTICLE II

This body shall be composed of ministers and delegates of Baptist churches in good and regular standing with the denomination and in full practice of the faith and doctrines held by the Missionary Baptists.

All ministers pastoring churches associated with the Association shall be regarded as members with all privileges.

ARTICLE III

The object of this Association shall be to extend the kingdom of Christ among men by preaching the gospel, organizing churches and building meeting houses in needy fields in the bounds of this Association; to do State, home and foreign mission work and to cooperate with the other Baptist organizations in the best plans of labor for the religious and educational development of Western North Carolina, especially the fostering of Western Union Academy.

ARTICLE IV

All visiting ministers belonging to the regular Baptist denomination in good and regular standing may become members by paying 50 cents annually.

ARTICLE V

All aged ministers living in the bounds of the Association formerly pastors in its bounds are members with all privileges.

ARTICLE VI

The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Executive Board, Ordaining Council and such other

Committees as may be deemed necessary, all of whom shall be elected annually, hold and discharge the duties of their office until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VII

This Association shall have no right to infringe upon the sovereignty of a church as a body.

ARTICLE VIII

If a church becomes disorderly or corrupt the Association shall through a committee or otherwise endeavor to restore it to a healthful state and if necessary shall withdraw the hand of fellowship from it.

ARTICLE IX

Each church shall send annually not more than two delegates and its pastor to the Association.

ARTICLE X

All visiting members and corresponding delegates and brethren shall be received by the Moderator extending the hand of welcome and introducing them to the body.

ARTICLE XI

All churches within the bounds of the Association shall send annually 20 cents per member representing fee, and new churches may become members by the payment of $2.00 or more when recommended by a committee of new churches.

ARTICLE XII

Each minister belonging to this Association shall pay annually $1.00, and delegate 50 cents.

ARTICLE XIII

Any church may withdraw from the Association if in good standing by first making known such desires.

ARTICLE XIV

The ordaining Council shall ordain no minister except he has a fair knowledge of the Baptist Directory, Pendleton's Christian Doctrines and the common school branches.

ARTICLE XV

This constitution shall be amended by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of the body.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

The deliberations of this body shall be governed by

the rules of Parliament as laid down in Hiscox's Church Directory.

ARTICLE II

Each session of this Association shall be opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator or some one appointed by him.

ARTICLE III

No one shall leave the Association to go home without permission from the body.

ARTICLE IV

All members must use courtesy of speech and obey the rules of decorum as laid down in Hiscox's Directory.

ARTICLE V

All members should be in their seats at the opening of each session. Those failing without a lawful excuse shall be subject to a fine of not less than 5 cents and not more than ten cents.

OFFICERS

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Bro. J. S. Reid, Auditor——Gastonia, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. R. D. Harris——Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. J. D. Massey——Charlotte, N. C.
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Rev. T. M. Barber——Charlotte, N. C.
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Bro. B. J. Broom——Mt. Holly, N. C.

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Rev. R. D. Harris——Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. W. H. Davidson——Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. E. A. Steward——Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. W. M. Neely——Gastonia, N. C.
Rev. W. R. Douglass——Rock Hill, S. C.
Rev. W. M. McCauley——Charlotte, N. C.
Life Member—Rev. P. R. Surratte.

LICENTIATES

Bro. Robert C. Moore, 508 E. Stonewall Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Bro. R. H. Lineberger, 423 Polk Ave., Charlotte, N. C.

ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. W. M. McIntyre, 1207 E. Stonewall St., Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. P. Wallace, R. 10, Box 69, Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. W. H. Davidson, D.D., R. 10, Box 71E, Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. J. J. Anderson, 307 S. Caldwell St., Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. J. W. Boyce, Bessemer City, N. C.

Rev. J. D. Massey, 1013 E. 1st St., Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. A. H. Levant, Gaffney, S. C.

Rev. M. L. Davidson, R. 6, Box 63, Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. W. R. Douglass, 1221 Pond St., Rock Hill, S. C.

Rev. P. J. Davidson, R. 6, Box 63, Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. W. C. Sanders, R. 6, Box 91, Rock Hill, S. C.

Rev. R. B. Watts, Dallas, N. C.

Rev. J. A. McConnell, Hartsville, S. C.

Rev. N. A. McCane, 728 E. 10th St., Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. W. C. Meeks, 608 N. York St., Gastonia, N. C.

Rev. R. D. Harris, 511 E. Boundary St., Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. F. C. Gibson, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Rev. J. S. A. Surratte, R. 1, Box 119, Bessemer City, N. C.

Rev. R. C. Morrow, 523 E. Stonewall St., Charlotte, N.C.

Rev. E. A. Stewart, L.I., R. 10, Box 49E, Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. W. M. Neely, Gastonia, N. C.

Rev. T. M. Barber, R. 10, Box 71C, Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. J. L. Reid, 920 S. Church St., Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. H. L. McGee, 2218 Church St., Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. I. S. M. Holland, 223 S. Brevard St., Charlotte, N.C.

Rev. R. H. Lineberger, 423 Polk Ave., Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. H. H. Wilson, Stanley, N. C.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Bro. D. T. Rankin, Box 411, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Bro. Tobe Harris, R. 20, Box 105, Huntersville, N. C.

Bro. S. J. Graham, Huntersville, N. C.

Bro. A. V. Friday, Stanley, N. C.

Bro. George Smith, R. 3, Box 184, Charlotte, N. C.

Bro. J. L. Surratte, Iron Station, N. C.
Mrs. Rena Whitley, R. 20, Box 102, Huntersville, N. C.
Bro. J. P. Jackson, R. 1, Stanley, N. C.
Bro. B. J. Brown, R. 1, Box 24, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Bro. J. C. Mitchell, Belmont, N. C.
Bro. J. C. Friday, Paw Creek, N. C.
Bro. Hale Robins, Lowell, N. C.
Bro. G. A. Holland, R. 1, Box 44, Belmont, N. C.
Bro. Clarence Richardson, Charlotte, N. C.
Bro. J. D. Davis, R. 10, Box 128A, Charlotte, N. C.
Bro. J. H. Rhyne, R. 3, Gastonia, N. C.
Bro. A. B. Berry, R. 22, Box 386, Huntersville, N. C.
Bro. J. W. Floyd, R. 2, Box 40, Clover, S. C.
Bro. J. W. White, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Bro. Calvin Wallace, R. 2, Charlotte, N. C.
Bro. John Wallace.
Bro. Gus Smith, R. 10, Box 24 1-2, Charlotte, N. C.

VISITORS

Rev. H. M. Moore, D.D., Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. H. M. Smith, D.D., Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. R. J. Davidson, A.B., S.T.B., Kings Mountain, N. C.
Rev. T. J. Pearl, B.T.H., Rock Hill, S. C.
Rev. P. M. Mayfield, D.D., Charlotte, N. C.
Mrs. E. R. Overstreet.
Rev. W. A. Roberts.
Rev. B. K. Mason, D.D.
Rev. Levi Hockaday.
Mrs. W. H. Davidson.

COMMITTEES

Organization and Appropriation

Bros. Gus Smith, A. V. Friday; Revs. W. M. Neely, T. M. Barber, E. A. Stewart.

New Churches

Rev. H. H. Wilson, Bro. John Wallace, J. H. Rhyne.

Arbitrary

Revs. H. H. Wilson, J. J. Anderson, W. A. Roberts.

Executive Board

J. L. Surratte, Bro. John Wallace, Rev. W. R. Douglass.

Education

Revs. J. J. Anderson, W. C. Meeks, W. R. Douglass; Bros. J. C. Mitchell, S. J. Graham.

Temperance

Bros. J. W. Floyd, C. Richardson; Revs. J. W. Boyce, H. H. Wilson, Mrs. Rena Whitley.

Time and Place

J. P. Wilson, Chairman.

Religious Literature

Bro. W. C. Sanders, James White; Revs. P. J. Davidson, W. M. McCauley.

Resolutions

Revs. M. L. Davidson, R. J. Davidson; Bros. George Smith, Harris; Rev. H. M. Smith.

HONOR ROLL

Rev. J. J. Anderson	$2.00
Rev. W. H. Davidson	2.00
Rev. F. C. Gibson	2.00
Bro. B. J. Broom	2.00
Bro. J. C. Friday	2.00
Bro. J. C. Michel	1.25
Bro. H. L. Robbins	2.00
Bro. G. S. Smith	1.00
Miss Lossie Broom	1.00
Rev. R. J. Davidson	1.00
Mrs. Beulah Hinton	.50
Mrs. Carrie Irvin	.25
Mrs. Essie M. Montgomery	.25
Mrs. J. C. Fair	1.00
Mrs. A. B. Berry	2.00
Rev. W. M. Neely	1.50
Rev. J. W. Boyce	2.00
Rev. J. W. Floyd	1.00
Rev. J. A. Rhyne	1.00
Rev. W. M. Sanders	1.50
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Rev. E. A. Stewart	2.00
Bro. A. V. Friday	2.00
Bro. J. L. Surratte	2.00
Bro. J. D. Davis	1.00
Bro. S. J. Graham	2.00
Rev. W. M. McIntyre	2.00
Rev. W. A. Roberts	.50

Mrs. Eliza Hall	.50
Rev. M. L. Davidson	.50
Miss Grace Davidson	.25
Mrs. Emma Davidson	.25
Mrs. J. P. Jackson	1.00
Rev. T. M. Barber	1.00
Bethel Choir	1.25
Cora Wichalson	.50
Lola Lineberger	.50
H. S. Haril	.50
H. H. Hand	1.00
H. H. Tate	.50
Clara Tate	.50
Idenia Davidson	.25

The Fifty-eighth Annual Session of the Mt. Peace Missionary Baptist Association met with the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Mount Holly, N. C., Sept. 8-10, 1926.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—NIGHT SESSION

Praise service was conducted by Bros. B. J. Broom and D. J. Rankin. Bro. Broom read for the scripture lesson the 46th division of the Psalms. Hymn 487, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." Prayer was then offered by Rev. W. M. McIntyre, after which Rev. P. Wallace thrilled the audience with the song, "Let the Light From the Lighthouse Shine On Me."

The president then came forward and in a few brief remarks spoke of the association as a family and the cord of love that binds us together. He then spoke of the vacant chair in the family circle in the departure of the late Rev. A. Jones.

He then spoke of the hospitality of the pastor, Rev. J. D. Massey, and his people. The work of the Association was then beautifully discussed: after which we were favored with a lovely selection by Mt. Sinai choir.

Time having arrived for the introductory sermon the speaker, Rev. J. W. Boyce, accompanied by Rev. W. M. Neely, came to the rostrum. Rev. Neely lined hymn 424, "Soldiers of Christ Arise." Scripture lesson Psalm 24. Prayer was offered by Rev. F. C. Gibson. Second hymn 409, "Stand Up My Soul," etc.

The president then arose and introduced the speaker for the hour, Rev. J. W. Boyce, who came forward and announced for a text Matt. 3:17: "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.

Hhe spoke of the types and shadows of the Old Testament that pointed to Christ and spoke briefly of the years between the Old and New Testament; also of John, the forerunner of Christ.

Rev. Boyce preached a very helpful sermon and was enjoyed by all; after which the song, "The Blood Done Signed My Name," was sung by the congregation. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Neely.

After a few brief remarks in connection with the sermon by the president, a collection was called to the amount of $3.50 by Bros. H. L. Robbins and J. A. Hallons.

By motion the program was taken as a guide.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Boyce.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Praise service conducted by Bros. J. C. Friday and G. S. Smith. Bro. Friday lined hymn, after which prayer was offered by Bro. G. S. Smith. Rev. P. Wallace then sung, "I'm Running For My Life." Second hymn 492, "Amazing Grace How Sweet It Sounds," lined by Bro. Friday. We were the nled in prayer by Rev. P. Wallace. After hymn 520 was sung the president came forward and spoke briefly of the great need of more Bible study. After which the house was announced ready for business.

At this time we were favored with the welcome exercises. The pastor, Rev. J. D. Massey, came forward and in a most delightful way extended to the association a most cordial welcome. Then followed Bro. D. T. Rankin, who also extended to us a cordial welcome. We were all made to feel very much at home. After which Rev. J. J. Anderson, in a most delightful way, responded in behalf of the Association to the welcome addresses.

Next was the enrollment of delegates. The delegates responded and the amount of $23.30 wes realized.

We then listened to echoes from the field and as the brethren told us how the Lord had blessed them and led them amid all the perplexing problems that had con-

fronted them in their different fields of labor, our hearts were made to rejoice and we were inspierd to go forward with a new determination.

The time having arrived for the introduction of visitors we were fortunate to have with us Rev. Dr. H. M. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist church, Charlotte, N. C., and Rev. Dr. I. A. McConel, Dean of Theology of Friendship College, Rock Hill, S. C. Each made very helpful talks which were enjoyed by all present. Rev. McCain of Charlotte, N. C., and Rev. Surratt, pastor of the Fancy Hill Baptist Church, also made helpful remarks. We also listened with much interest to a most delightful talk from Mrs. E. R. Overstreet.

A collection was then called by Revs. J. J. Anderson and E. A. Stewart to the amount of $4.00.

Announcements by the president.

Benediction by Dr. H. M. Smith.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Praise service conducted by Bros. J. W. Floyd and J. W. White. Bro. Floyd lined and sang hymn 231, "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," after which prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Boyce, then Bro. J. W. White favored us with one of his spirituals, "I Know I'm Going to Heaven." The second hymn 293, "Father, I Stretch My Hand to Thee," was sung, after which prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Neely.

The president then came forward and announced the house ready for business.

At this time the regular routine of business was suspended for a few minutes while we listened with pleasure to some helpful remarks from Rev. T. J. Pearl, Rock Hill, S. C., and Dr. P. M. Mayfield, Charlotte.

The executive board made their report, which was received and adopted. (See report). The committee on Organization reported. Report received and adopted. By motion the officers were installed by the Rev. W. C. Meeks, which he did in a most delightful way.

A few words of appreciation were offered by the president, Rev. R. D. Harris.

The reading of letters were next in order.

We listened with keen interest to the reading of

letters, after which the following visitors were introduced: Rev. I. S. M. Holland, Rev. H. L. McGee and R. B. Watson.

A collection to the amount of $3.00 was then lifted by Revs. W. R. Douglas and T. M. Barber.

Benediction by Rev. P. Wallace.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Praise service conducted by Bro. A. V. Friday.

Sung hymn 487, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." Scripture lesson, Paslms 1st division. Prayer was then offered by Rev. P. Wallace. Second hymn 260, "Did Christ O'er Sinners Weep." Prayer was again offered by Bro. C. Richardson.

Time having arrived for the president's annual address the vice-president, Rev. J. D. Massey, came forward and made helpful remarks, after which the president, Rev. R. D. Harris, came forward and in a masterly way delivered his address which was filled with sunshine and inspiration. It was indeed a great address and after listening to it we were inspired to go forward in the great work of the Master.

Rev. W. A. Roberts, moderator of the Ebenezer Association, in a delightful way responded to this address.

On motion the president's address was turned over into the hands of the committee on resolutions.

It was now time for the annual sermon. Rev. A. H. Levant, accompanied by Rev. W. R. Douglas, came to the rostrum. The choir rendered a delightful selection, after which the president introduced the speaker, Rev. A. H. Levant.

Rev. W. R. Douglas lined hymn 349; prayer was then offered by Rev. M. L. Davidson. Second hymn 555, "How Beautiful Are the Feet of Those Who Stand on Zion's Hill," which was sung by the audience.

Rev. Levant announced for a text Psalm 27:7, "That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all thy wondrous works." He said in part: "We should look back and count our many blessings and thank God. That David's desire was to magnify the Lord and it should be our desire and purpose to magnify God." The speaker was at himself and preached a sermon that made

all of us feel good.

After which Dr. B. K. Mason, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., and Rev. Harkaday came forward and was introduced to the body. Dr. Mason spoke of the sermon to which we had listened; he then made some very timely remarks concerning the great evils of today and how we should fight them.

eW also had some helpful and inspiring words from Rev. Harkaday.

A collection was then called by Bros. E. S. Leeper and A. V. Friday to the amount of $6.00.

Benediction by Rev. A. H. Levant.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Praise service was conducted by Bro. J. D. Davis and J. H. Rhyne. Hymn 559, "Go Preach My Gospel Saith the Lord." Scripture lesson, St. John 3d Chapter. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. R. Douglas. Rev. E. A. Stewart sang "Going Every Step of the Way." Second hymn 661. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Neely, followed by Rev. T. M. Barber.

The president then announced the house ready for business. On motion the minutes of previous sessions were read, received and adopted. On motion the report of the enrollment committee was received and adopted.

The next in order was the discussion of the topic, "The Relation of the Home and Church in Character Building," which was beautifully discussed by Rev. W. M. McIntyre and others.

The following visitors were then introduced: Rev. W. A. Roberts, Bro. O. H. Wood and Lineberger. They made helpful talks. Time having arrived for the sermon we were led in prayer by Rev. P. J. Davidson. The speaker, Rev. Morrow, having been introduced by the president, came forward and announced for his text Psalm 33:22, "Let Thy mercies O Lord, be upon us according as we hope upon thee." Subjest: Man's request to God.

The speaker preached a soul-stirring sermon. He lifted us to the summit of the mount of vision and we could see a great field that could only be traversed in proportion as we trust God.

Rev. H. M. Moore, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist church, Charlotte, was then introduced. Dr. Moore said many helpful things and assured us that he would help us in any way possible.

Revs. W. M. McIntryre and H. H. Wilson then called a collection to the amount of $3.50.

Benediction by Rev. M. A. Morrow.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Praise service conducted by Bro. S. J. Graham. Sun hymn 350, "Come Ye That Love the Lord." Prayer was offered by Bro. J. C. Michel. Second hymn 422. Then prayer was offered by Bro. J. W. White.

The president then announced the house ready for business. By motion $4.00 was accepted from Mt. Moriah, Matthews.

Committee on Temperance reptred. Report received and adopted. (See report).

Business was suspended for a fw minuts for memorial service. Rev. J. J. Anderson sang "What Are They Doing in Heaven Today," and a short time was given for the eulogy of Rev. A. Jones, which was very touching and heart-rendering. After which business was resumed. The following committees then made their reports: Committee on Time and Place, Education, Appropriations. Reports received and adopted.

Mrs. W. H. Davidson then spoke briefly of some of the work the women of the Auxiliary were doing. We then listened to some very encouraging remarks from Rev. R. J. Davidson, ex-president of W. U. A., which we all enjoyed.

By motion the endowment fund be put into the treasury until the Educational Union.

Benediction.

TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION

Praise service was conducted by Bros. J. P. Jackson and John Wallace. Hymn No. 487. Scripture lesson Genesis 6 chapter. Prayer was then offered by Bro. J. D. Davis. Second hymn 492. Prayer was offered by Bro. John Wallace.

The president then took the chair. We were then

favored with a selection from Bethel Choir, after which hymn 559 was sung by the audience.

Scripture lesosn, St. John 17th chapter. Prayer was then offered by Rev. W. A. Roberts.

Rev. W. R. Douglas then turned a vote of thanks to the pastor and members for the hospitality shown. Mr. Sinai choir then gave us a selection. After which the president arose and presented the speaker for the educational sermon, Rev. E. A. Stewart. Rev. Stewart gave for a text John 3:1, "Behold what manner of love," etc. Subject: A child ought to work for his parents. Rev. Stewart preached a good sermon which all enjoyed. A collection was then called to the amount of $61.00.

Amount of money raised during this sitting $421.25. Amount brought forward $152.00, making a grand total of $573.25.

After a few brief closing remarks by the president the association adjourned to meet with the Bethel Baptist church, Mount Holly, N. C., Wednesday before the second Sunday in Sept., 1927.

Benediction by Rev. E. A. Stewart.

REV. R. D. HARRIS, President.
REV. W. H. DAVIDSON, D. D.,
Recording Secretary.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We your committee, beg to make the following report:

Whereas so many problems are confronting us such as evolution and science, and whereas they tend to draw us away from the Bible and Christianity. Be it resolved that we as ministers and leaders of our race will encourage a special study of the Bible, and we also recommend the reading of good literature.

Respectfully,

YOUR COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

We, your Committee on Appropriations, submit the following:

To President	$20.00
Vice President	5.00
Recording Secretary	25.00

Corresponding Secretary	2.00
To Treasurer	5.00
Auditor	2.00
W. U. A.	200.00
Sexton	4.00
State Convention	10.00
Programs	5.50

Respectfully,

YOUR COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

We, your Committe ond Time and Place, submit the following: The next association will be held with the Bethel Baptist church Wednesday before the second Sunday in September, 1927.

Respectfully,

YOUR COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Education, submite the following report: Whereas Christian education is the only source by which we can be able to serve humanity and it is only through this medium we will be able to mould and shape the lives of our young people, be it resolved that we do all we can to stand by the cause of Christian education, and most especially our own W. U. A. Ever striving to do our bit for W. U. A. prayerfully and financially.

Be it further resolved that as ministers of the gospel we encourage education and emphasize Christian education.

Respectfully,

YOUR COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Organization, make the following report:

President	Rev. R. D. Harris
Vice President	J. D. Massey
Recording Secretary	W. H. Davidson
Corresponding Secretary	W. M. McIntyre
Treasurer	Bro. B. J. Broom
Auditor	Bro. J. S. Reid

Respectfully submitted,

YOUR COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Obituary, submit the following report:

Whereas, Rev. A. Jones, our father and co-laborer, has passed from labor to reward, we bow in humble submision to Him who doeth all things well.

May we cherish him in our memory.

Respectfully,

YOUR COMMITTEE.

TREASURER'S AND AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR 1925.

Disbursements

Presdient	$ 20.00
Vice President	5.00
Recording Secretary	25.00
Corresponding Secretary	4.00
Treasurer	5.00
Auditor	2.00
W. U. A.	160.00
State Convention	8.00
Aged Ministers	43.00
Sexton	4.00
Expenses to S. Convention	8.00
Bills and Expenses	12.10
Minutes	50.00
To R. D. Harris for W. U. A.	7.00
To Union (1925)	1.50
Total	$344.60
Collected	496.86
Balance	152.26

B. J. BROWN, Treasurer
J. S. REID, Auditor.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Whereas we have been so royally entertained since being here with the good people of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and pastor, and whereas we were especially favored on the last evening of the Association when the sisters served us to a delicious ice course.

And whereas we have been so highly entertained in your homes and city as well.

ciation show our appreciation by a rising vote of thanks.

Be it resolved, That the ministers and deelgates of this Asso-

And be it further resolved, That the God of Heaven will be

ever present and will bles all their efforts for good.

Respectfully,

W. R. DOUGLASS.

ANNUAL AADRESS.

Mr. President, Officers, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen, Greeting: We are gathered here at the appointed time to celebrate the 18th anniversary of the consolidation of Shiloh and Mt. Pleasant Associations, who once stood as two, but today are one in hope, aim, left to build by us and His ambassador in his stead, to preach the and purpose. So dear co-laborers with Christ and His Kingdom Gospel and Baptize them that believe in His name. In their confession of faith in Him for personal salvation. In this meeting each one is listening to hear who of us has the largest report, our reports will vary with the circumstances, that according to the settlement where our churches are located. Some of the fields will have to wait for new settlers, or a new growth to be brought into service. But, bretbren, count it more joy to preach Christ that a few of the many might be saved. Our associational field as we view it our task is frought with increase opportunity and bring us to feel more keenly its responsibility today than ever before we are now at the Red Sea of her greatest financial difficultis to be crossed by the command of God through prayer of faith in the guide of an unseen hand of Providence. We, like Israel, filled with fear and dread are crying to the leaders of the great host of Western North Carolina. The word say go forward no time to mind babies and rock cradles, the financial march is onward, though the darken clouds hang heavy over our pathway and doubts stand like mountains around us. God who said, "Go." I will go, for He shall make the way. I will be with you and give you aid. This march was begun by the fathers more than fifty (50) years ago. The land to which they journeyed was not reached by them, but their mantle of hope fell upon us, who today assume their places left us by death, they never reached the promisd land. Our land is ovr the Jordan of success in the conversion of our boys and girls by keeping our churches and Sunday Scnools built up by teaching and preaching the word of God.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Train up a child in the way he should go, aid when he is old he will not depart from it. The words of a wise man should be

the means of building an altar in every Christai nhome. From the home of a Christian mother and father under the bitterest crisis in a strange land away from their home. Train a child in the way of his God. Moses, the leader and deliverer of his people, was trained in two. Great schools, yea, we might say three: First: The house of Amram his father and mother of the house of Levi, by the wit of his mother and watchful sister he was returned to his mother, this prepared him for stickability of principles learned in the great school called wisdom. Who taught him the art of making disadvantages stepping stones to success. This is wisdom using knowledge to convey understanding, by this he became the adopted son of Pharoah's daughter, who brought him to the court and school of the highest opportunity.

Second. Here he learned all the art and science of the Egyptians. Here he learned the legislative plans of government of the pople and by the people of Isral. In the providence of God after finishing this course, he selfishly attempted to show his calling to deliver his kinsman. He became fearful of his life and fled for his life, he could not understand all the plans of God in his life. The steps of a trained mind find a shelter amidst rough ways. Third. Great school the wilderness of Midian around the Mount of Sinai with flocks of Jethro. His father-in-law's sheed and herd, he had matriculated from home graded school, to college of art and science from thence to rural of experience, after many years of this life he caught a vision of the finishing touch of all his life for the stupendous task of the leadership of the house of Israel. A trained leadership is esesntial to success. Were it not for the trained minds the government would go down, and business would operate no further. Churches, homes, farms, all would come to naught.

So education is that thread in the life of prepared men and women that keeps things going. Life is a joy. So it is our task to hold and maintain a Christian. Schools for the training of boys and girls fostered in the bounds of our union. From state school comes farmers, mechanics, lawyers, doctors and professional men, but from Christian schools come our teachers, preachers, and missionary workers, so I feel that this is the best after all.

STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

This includes our reports in helping foster the general causes of the great Baptist convention, and help maintain Shaw Univer-

sity. We must strive to cooperate in the five thousand dollar ($5,000.00) drive through the board of promotion to meet the required amount to support and maintain standard secondary school a feeder to Shaw University or other great colleges. We had the pleasure of spending a day in Raleigh, N. C., at the mid-year conference of the Baptist Brotherhood, to form plans to raise means to support State ond home missions. So let us as Baptist march in one common phalanth to the duty of the cause left to our hands. So let us prayerfully and financially help bear the burdens that is upon us as Baptist as no other organization. The call is upon every church outlined in a pamphlet to every church of this and other associations. Let us awake, join in the march to help unite as one State convention that the songs of triumph may be sung the state over. One family in Him, when so united. It will not be long until we can hope for four standard church schools in the State of North Carolina.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The yer has passed of almost as short as summer, and the call to the Lott Cary convention to make our report for the conventional year what we have gathered through the penny system. The great commission of Jesus Christ given on the mountain of Galilee, stands just as binding upon us today as the day it was given. Go ye into all the world and preache the Gospel to every creature. They went everywhere preaching and telling about Jesus. Brethren, we can not rest upon our oar raising our salares, a few pennies to the sick, of which I command you for so doing, building nice places for public worship, these things must not be at the expense of our duties to help the benighted land where the name of Jesus is a stranger to the ears of millions far away. If you cannot help them there by taking up an offering each Sunday morning at your service, we can during the year raise about ten to eleven dollars to send up to the foreign missionary work. The Lott Carey convention hs forty-one (41) workers on the foreign field, some of them in Russia, Hiti and Africa, they are depending upon us for help, pity them Christians at home, send the light by giving of our means, for he says that water shall be watered, so let us cast our bread of hope upon the water of life to reap it in the final harvest, when He shall call us before the assembled world to report our stuartship. Our motto is Jesus shall reign where ere the sun doth her succesive journey run.

His kingdom shll stretch from sore to shore,
Till moon shall wax and waine no more.

When the Western Empires shall from savageness awake, to own Jesus, Lord of all. Amen.

RECOMMENDATONS.

(1) We plead for ministers and deacons meeting at least three (3) times per year.

(2) We renew our appeal on the penny system of each preaching Sunday, take it as you make your own arrangements.

(3) We recommend the invitation of Dr. J. H. Moore to some central part of our asosciation to hold four (4) days institute.

(4) A conference of the pastors to study the best interest of our associational field.

(5) We recommend strong delegation of six or eight good men to the educational union.

(6) We recommend to this associational field both asosciation and S. S. Convention to raise one thousand dollars. This union year to better prepare the trustee board to meet our bonded debts, further that the president of our S. S. Convention put on the fifth Sunday in October a special campaign as well as the association that we may raise the one thousand dollars.

Respectfully yours,

R. D. HARRIS.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, we are engaged in the great and noble work of shaping and moulding the lives of boys and girls in that we are supporting and maintaining our school W. H. A.

And whereas, we have the great responsibility of the work of the church in leading and guiding through the help of the Almighty God, Christian living. Be it resolved, that we daily ask the guidance of our Heavenly Father, that we may keep that committed to our care.

We recommend that our most worthy president's address be placed on the face of the minutes.

We further recommend a blank leaf in memory of our departed

friends.

Respectfully,

YOUR COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee, make the following report:

Temperance is self-control and as such lies at the very foundation of Christian character throughout the New Testament, while it is self control it embodies such control of self as results only from divine help and the holy spirit, it is this gospel of temperance that is destined to save men from the wiles of intemperance.

Therefore, Be it resolved, That each pastor and leader will do their bit by precept and example.

We recommend tht we ask for divine help to this end.

Respectfully,

YOUR COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	PASTORS	Rec. by Baptism	Rev. by
Mt. Carmel	G. G. Glenn, Charlotte, N. C.	W. H. Davidson	18	
Springfield	W. M. G. Brown, Stanley, N. C.	R. D. Harris	5	
Gethsemane	W. M. Henry, 524 W. Hill St.	J. J. Anderson	12	
Mt. Pisgah	J. H. Rhyne, Gastonia, N. C., Rt. 3	W. C. Meeker	14	
Mt. Calvary	Jasper Henderson, Lowell, N. C.	W. R. Douglass	7	
Bethel	J. B. Brice, Mt. Holly, N. C., Rt. 1, Box 23	W. M. Neely	5	
Fancy Hill	J. L. Surratte, Iron Station, N. C.	J. A. S. Currette		
Mt. Moriah (Matthews)		T. M. Barber	3	
New Providence	Richard Gordon, Mt. Holly, N. C.	J. L. Chambers	9	
Mt. Zion	George Smith, Rt. 3, Box 184	A. H. Levant		
Macedonia	W. M. Sanders, Stanley, N. C.	D. A. Davidson	12	
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Floyd, Rt. 2, Box 40, Clover, S. C.	E. A. Stewart	8	
Mt. Pleasant	J. M. Grier, Belmont, N. C.	A. G. Giles	5	
Mt. Moriah	E. S. Leper, Belmont, N. C., Box 240	A. H. Levanth	5	
Gold Hill	J. P. Jackson, Stanley, N. C., Rt. 1	J. D. Massey	2	
Shady Grove	Elzeta Bryant, Bessemer City, N. C.	J. W. Boyce		
Mt. Olive	S. J. Graham, Huntersville, N. C.	W. M. McIntyre		
Mt. Sinai	D. T. Rankin, 411 Mt. Holly, N. C.	J. D. Massey		
Salem	Janie Montgomery, Paw Creek, N. C.	E. A. Stewart		
Mt. Hebron				
Chapel Hill	Mrs. Rena Whitley	P. Wallace	11	
St. Paul	W. C. Pharr	J. J. Anderson	1	
St. Phillips	A. B. Berry, Rt. 22, Box 366, Huntersville, N. C.	W. C. Sanders		
Gethsemane (Davidson)	Oscar Parlor, Davidson, N. C.	T. M. Barber	5	
Smithfield	J. J. Hudson, Matthews, N. C.	R. B. Watson	6	